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Mr. Joe Werner Chief, Telecommunications Division Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

RE: Response to assist the Authority in its evaluation of Docket 02-00207, Petition of the Tennessee UNE-P Coalition to Open A Contested Case Preceding to Declare Unbundled Switching An Unrestricted Unbundled Network Element.

Dear Mr. Werner:

Enclosed please find CenturyTel Solutions' response to questions regarding Docket 02-00207, Petition of the Tennessee UNE-P Coalition to Open A Contested Case Preceding to Declare Unbundled Switching An Unrestricted Unbundled Network Element.

Please note that the enclosed contents are protected pursuant to the October 23, 2002 Order on October 2, 2002 Status Conference and Subsequent Filings (Status Conference Order).

As the responses indicate, CenturyTel Solutions, L.L.C., currently does not provide local exchange service in the State of Tennessee. However, we look forward to serving Tennessee customers in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (318) 340-5719 or at christie.wilson@centurytel.com.

Sincerely,

Christie Wilson

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